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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 16, 2001, to December 17, 2001 (December 16, 2001 being a Sunday).

A check for the statutory fee of \$400.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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